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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Pinellas Early Literacy Initiative – Literacy training and Coaching in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for the project is Pinellas County Education Foundation, Inc., located at 12090 Starkey Road, Largo, FL, 33773.

The funding would be used for improving literacy instruction for Pre-K through 2nd grade in 16 Title I schools and up to 16 community Pre-K providers. This initiative connects public and private Pre-K providers to developmentally appropriate literacy training and coaching. By leveraging high-quality training and coaching, student literacy gaps will dissipate and prepare students for the more rigorous content of grades 3-5.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress